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SUBJECT: NATIONAL LEAGUE OF ITALIAN COOPERATIVES SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH
THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT; ITALY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TECHNICIANS
TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 30-APRIL 1 REPORTED VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE OF
FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF ITALIAN CO-
OPERATIVES. DELEGATION WAS LED BY LEAGUE PRESIDENT VICENZI
GALETTE AND COMPOSED OF GIORGIO VEGETTE VINCENZI ANSANELI,
EDUARDA RAVAIOLLE AND LORENZO CASADIO. DURING ITS STAY, THE GROUP MET
WITH FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MARCELINO DOS
SANTOS AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTER JOAQUIM DE CARVALHO AND SIGNED ON
MARCH 31 A GENERAL PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LEAGUE AND
THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO AGRICULTURAL MINISTER
CARVALHO, THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED THE "GENERAL PRINCIPLES THAT
WILL ORIENT COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND
THE LEAGUE IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING,
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. LEAGUE PRESIDENT
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VICENZI GALETTE SAID THAT THE PROTOCOL REPRESENTED A CONTINUATION OF

THE EARLIER ASSISTANCE THAT THE "PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES" OF ITALY
EXTENDED TO FRELIMO BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.

2. NOTICIAS OF MARCH 25 REPORTED THE DEPARTURE THE PREVIOUS DAY
FOR ROMZ OF AN OFFICIAL ITALIAN DELEGATION COMPOSED OF FOUR
MEDICAL TECHNICIANS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE DELEGATION SPENT
TEN DAYS IN MOZAMBIQUE SURVEYING THE COUNTRY'S MEDICAL NEEDS AND
VISITING HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FRELIMO VICE
PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS. AS A RESULT OF THEIR VISIT, THE LEADER OF
THE DELEGATION, CLAUDIO MORENO, SAID THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
WOULD SEND ELEVEN DOCTORS TO MOZAMBIQUE IN JUNE OR JULY TO
WORK JOINTLY AT THE CAPITAL'S MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND THE UNIVERSITY
OF MAPUTO MEDICAL COLLEGE. ANOTHER PROGRAM INVOLVING ITALIAN
(PEACE CORPS TYPE) VOLUNTEERS WOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO BRING
TECHNICIANS TO MOZAMBIQUE. MORENO SAID HE HOPED THE "SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE MOZAMBIKAN
AND ITALIAN PEOPLES WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY THESE PROGRAMS."
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